

REMARKS

This Amendment responds to the Office Action dated February 7, 2006 in which the Examiner rejected claims 1-6 and 9-13 under 35 U.S.C. §103, objected to claims 7 and 8 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form and stated that claims 14-16 are allowed.

As indicated above, the objected to claims have been incorporated into claims 1, 3 and 13. Therefore, applicants respectfully request the Examiner withdraws the rejection to claims 1-6 and 9-13 under 35 U.S.C. §103.

The prior art of record, which is not relied upon, is acknowledged. The references taken singularly or in combination do not anticipate or make obvious the claimed invention.

Thus it now appears that the application is in condition for reconsideration and allowance. Reconsideration and allowance at an early date are respectfully requested.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that the application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact, by telephone, the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed within the currently set shortened statutory period, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such extension of time may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

In the event that any additional fees are due with this paper, please charge
our Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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